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Hard to Track CIA Actions

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In reading Mr. W. C. James letter criticizing the record of the CIA, it occurred to me that none of us really knows what that record is.

Because of its top secret nature, the CIA tries to stay in the background as much as possible, reporting only to our top administrators. I think that occasionally our leaders tend to disregard this information either because our top military brass traditionally distrusts civilian interference. Consequently when a blunder occurs and our administration

claims ignorance or misinformation on facts, the CIA is hardly in a position to defend itself.

Recently Allen Dulles (former head of the CIA) stated in a television interview that long before the atom bomb our top administrators were informed that Japan was defeated and looking for an honorable way to surrender, and yet someone or "someones" made the decision to drop the bomb anyway.

With the resources at its command, I feel fairly confident that the CIA is getting the facts. What is done with those facts is what worries me.

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